



## USAG - Fort Stewart / Hunter Army Airfield

### Safety Update

Sustaining, Supporting and Defending Safety Excellence



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## Providing a Safe and Healthy Working Environment during Fiscal Constraints #2

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### 1. Personal and Employee Wellbeing

Lions, Tigers and Bears - Oh My! Lack of Funding, Sequestrian, Threat of Furlough, Decreased pay for all – Oh My! These are extremely challenging and stressful times for us all – Leaders, Employees, Customers and Family Members alike. Funding constraints continue to challenge our ability to accomplish the mission. The effects are felt from the “storefront” where we interface most closely with our customers, all the way to Command leadership. We must keep in mind the levels of stress bearing down on everyone – including your personal stress level!

Why is it imperative that we remain observant and cognitive of stress levels? Why is the Safety Office so concerned about stress levels? Quite simply, increased stress levels can – will – have a negative effect on our ability to perform effectively across the entire spectrum of our lives - Resulting in an ever increasing potential, and severity, for accidents at work or home! Increased stress levels will negatively impact: How well we perform our duties; how well we maintain “situational awareness” of activities around us; how we react to those activities; how well we interact with our friends, family and fellow employees. What you may see as a benign/low stress situation may suddenly elevate into a crisis moment – driven simply by a misunderstanding multiplied by individual increased stress levels.

Continually remind yourselves that the stress levels are elevated. They can have an effect on YOUR actions. They can have an effect on those around you - Co-workers, Employees and Family Members included. We are all in this together and must take the time to decompress ourselves, and allow others to do the same. Maintain “situational awareness” within your area of operations and take those steps necessary to relieve stress factors for all.

- ✓ If we do not remain vigilant – You, someone you know or one of your loved ones WILL suffer the consequences!
- ✓ If we remain observant of our own actions, those around us and add a means to relieve the pressure along the way - We will come out of this with everyone intact and only reminiscing on these times with a simple “Remember when ....?”

**MANAGE THE RISK – PROTECT THE FORCE (And yourself!)**

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**2. Fort Stewart/HAAF Pre-Accident Indicators:**

Fort Stewart						
DUI	Speeding	Use of Cell Phone While Operating M/V	Traffic Accident (At Fault)	No Driver License	Disregard Traffic Control Device	Heat Related Injury
14	94	5	7	19	2	0
Color Code: Compared to last report - <b>Green = Decrease</b> ; <b>Red = Increase</b> ; <b>Amber = No Change</b> .						
FY13 To Date Totals (Since 1 October)						
86	395	29	39	172	49	0
Data Includes Incidents Involving Fort Stewart Personnel – USAG + Supported Organizations						

Hunter Army Airfield						
DUI	Speeding	Use of Cell Phone While Operating M/V	Traffic Accident (At Fault)	No Driver License	Disregard Traffic Control Device	Heat Related Injury
6	32	4	2	6	3	0
Color Code: Compared to last report - <b>Green = Decrease</b> ; <b>Red = Increase</b> ; <b>Amber = No Change</b> .						
FY13 To Date Totals (Since 1 October)						
46	128	33	13	61	55	0
Data Includes Incidents Involving HAAF Personnel – USAG + Supported Organizations						

**3. Additional Safety related information can be obtained from:**

- a. [Fort Stewart Safety Web Page](#)
- b. [US Army Safety Center](#)

**4. Fire Extinguishers in the workplace.** This article was submitted by Mr. Jeff Willis, Senior Safety Specialist, Installation Safety Office

- a. **General Requirements:** Directors are required to provide portable fire extinguishers that are accessible to employees without risk of injury. Extinguishers must be identified, maintained in a fully charged operable condition, and mounted in place at all times (except during use).

**NOTE:**

Older fire extinguishers that rely on self-generating soda acid, foam or gas cartridges, which are operated by inverting the extinguisher to rupture the cartridge or generate a reaction to expel the agent, are not permissible under OSHA regulations, as of February 2010.

- b. **Distribution of Fire Extinguishers:** Portable fire extinguishers must be deployed in such a way that employees do not need to travel more than 75 feet (22.9m) to reach an extinguisher. The fire warden for your organization would be a good employee to be trained on how to operate the system during a fire.
- c. **Training and Education:** Directors are responsible for providing training and education to all employees in the use of fire extinguishers and the hazards of stopping fires. We must also designate employees (within emergency

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action plans) to use fire-fighting equipment for small office fires. Contact F&ES for assistance with training programs.

- d. **Inspection, Maintenance and Testing:** Directors are responsible for ensuring inspecting, testing and maintaining all workplace fire extinguishers. Portable extinguishers must be visually inspected every month. A full maintenance check is required every year and the Fire Department inspectors will take care of this during their annual building inspection. A record of these inspections should be kept on file. Again, the Fire Warden for your organization would be a good employee to be trained and perform inspection requirements.
- e. **Missing and Unserviceable Fire Extinguishers:** Directors are required to purchase sufficient extinguishers to meet requirements identified above, as well as replace those extinguishers identified as “unserviceable” during the inspection process.

## 5. Safety Office Publications – FY13

- a. Safety Update:
  - 1) Safety Update # 13-01, First Publication
  - 2) Safety Update # 13-02, Providing a Safe and Healthy Working Environment
- b. Safety Gram:
  - 1) 13-01 - Handgun Safety
  - 2) 13-02 - UXO Safety
  - 3) 13-03 – Fall Clean-up
  - 4) 13-04 - Hunting Safety
  - 5) 13-05 – Halloween Safety
  - 6) 13-06 – Turkey Fryer Safety
  - 7) 13-07 – Toy Safety
  - 8) 13-08 – Travel Safety
  - 9) 13-09 – Tree Safety
  - 10) 13-10 – National Impaired Driving Month
- c. Safety Alerts: (none)

## 6. Recalls this period:

### a) Consumer Products Safety Commission (CSCP).

- i. Samsonite Recalls Dual-Wattage Travel Converter Kits Due to Fire, Burn Hazards,  
<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Samsonite-Recalls-Dual-Wattage-Travel-Converter-Kits/>
- ii. Purr-Fection Stuffed Animals with Flashlights Recalled by MJC Due to Laceration Hazard, Sold Exclusively at Cabela's  
<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Purr-Fection-Stuffed-Animals-with-Flashlights-Recalled-by-MJC/>
- iii. Cramer Recalls Folding Step Stools Due to Fall Hazard,  
<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Cramer-Recalls-Folding-Step-Stools/>
- iv. Homelite Recalls Electric Blower Vacuums Due to Laceration Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Home Depot  
<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Homelite-Recalls-Electric-Blower-Vacuums/>

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- v. Electric Blower Vacuums Recalled by OWT Industries Due to Laceration Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Wal-Mart <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Electric-Blower-Vacuums-Recalled-by-OWT-Industries/>
- vi. World Technologies Recalls Ryobi Cordless Tool Battery Pack Due to Fire and Burn Hazards, <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/One-World-Technologies-Recalls-Ryobi-Cordless-Tool-Battery-Pack/>
- vii. Dynacraft Recalls Hello Kitty City Motor Scooters Due to Fall Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Toys R Us <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Dynacraft-Recalls-Hello-Kitty-City-Motor-Scooters/>
- viii. Dynacraft Recalls Monster High City Motor Scooters Due to Fall Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Wal-Mart <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Dynacraft-Recalls-Monster-High-City-Motor-Scooters/>
- ix. Jerdon Style Recalls One-Cup Coffeemakers Due to Burn and Fire Hazards <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Jerdon-Style-Recalls-One-Cup-Coffeemakers/>
- x. Liberty Mountain Recalls Mountain Climbing Lanyards Due to Risk of Serious Injury <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Liberty-Mountain-Recalls-Mountain-Climbing-Lanyards/>

**b) National Traffic Safety Administration****NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V030](#)**Manufacturer :** Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing**Make / Model Years :** LEXUS / 2006-2012**Subject :** Wiper Arm May Loosen**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V029](#)**Manufacturer :** Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing**Make / Model Years :** PONTIAC / 2003-2004  
TOYOTA / 2003-2004**Subject :** Airbag Inadvertent Deployment**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V024](#)**Manufacturer :** General Motors LLC**Make / Model Years :** CHEVROLET / 2013**Subject :** Rear Suspension Bolt Torque**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V023](#)**Manufacturer :** General Motors LLC**Make / Model Years :** BUICK / 2012  
CHEVROLET / 2012**Subject :** Driver Side Frontal Airbag may not Deploy***Manage The Risk – Protect The Force******For additional information contact:******Your Unit Addition Duty Safety Officer (ADSO) or Collateral Duty Safety Person (CDSP), or  
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**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V022](#)

**Manufacturer :** Daimler Trucks North America

**Make / Model Years :** THOMAS BUILT / 2013-2014

**Subject :** Headlights & Tailights may go out

**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V021](#)

**Manufacturer :** Prevost Cars, Inc.

**Make / Model Years :** PREVOST / 2013

**Subject :** Missing Side Reflectors/FMVSS 108

**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V020](#)

**Manufacturer :** Navistar, Inc.

**Make / Model Years :** HOLIDAY RAMBLER / 2013

IC BUS / 2012-2013

INTERNATIONAL / 2011-2013

MONACO / 2013

**Subject :** Engine Shut Down

**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V019](#)

**Manufacturer :** Navistar, Inc.

**Make / Model Years :** IC BUS / 2012-2013

**Subject :** School Bus Engine Shut Down

**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V018](#)

**Manufacturer :** Great Dane Trailers

**Make / Model Years :** GREAT DANE / 2013

**Subject :** Axle Retaining Clips may Disengage

**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V017](#)

**Manufacturer :** BMW of North America, LLC

**Make / Model Years :** BMW / 2011

**Subject :** Insufficient Gear Shaft Lubrication/Loss of Drive

**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V015](#)

**Manufacturer :** Prevost Cars, Inc.

**Make / Model Years :** PREVOST / 2010-2013

**Subject :** Automatic Fire Detection and Suppression System

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NHTSA Campaign ID Number : [13V013](#)

Manufacturer : Entegra Coach

Make / Model Years : ENTEGRA / 2013

Subject : Incorrect Tire Certification Label/ FMVSS 120

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : [13V048](#)

Manufacturer : PACCAR Incorporated

Make / Model Years : KENWORTH / 2013-2014  
PETERBILT / 2013-2014

Subject : Exterior Lights Self Test Switch/Loss of Lights

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : [13V045](#)

Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC

Make / Model Years : BMW / 2007-2010

Subject : Leaking Brake Vacuum Pump/Loss of Power Assist

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : [13V044](#)

Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC

Make / Model Years : BMW / 2007-2012

Subject : Loss of Electrical Power/Stalling

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : [13V040](#)

Manufacturer : Chrysler Group LLC

Make / Model Years : DODGE / 2003-2004

Subject : Inadvertent Airbag Deployment

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : [13V038](#)

Manufacturer : Chrysler Group LLC

Make / Model Years : CHRYSLER / 2009  
DODGE / 2009-2012

Subject : Rear Axle Pinion Nut May Loosen at Differential

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : [13V037](#)

Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.

Make / Model Years : FOREST RIVER / 2013

Subject : Ignition Key Retention/FMVSS 114

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : [13V036](#)

Manufacturer : Blue Bird Body Company

Make / Model Years : BLUE BIRD / 2003-2007

Subject : Cracks in Steering Gear Bracket

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : [13V035](#)

Manufacturer : YAMAHA MOTOR CORPORATION, USA

Make / Model Years : YAMAHA / 2009

Subject : Fuel Pump Assembly Failure/Possible Engine Stall

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**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V049](#)

**Manufacturer :** Spartan ERV

**Make / Model Years :** SPARTAN / 2008-2009

**Subject :** Hydraulic Cylinders Improperly Heat Treated

**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V047](#)

**Manufacturer :** Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, Ltd.

**Make / Model Years :** ROLLS-ROYCE / 2013

**Subject :** Fuel Filler Neck Anti-Misfueling Device Missing

**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V046](#)

**Manufacturer :** Spartan ERV

**Make / Model Years :** SPARTAN / 2005-2011

**Subject :** Inclinator may Allow Platform to Tilt too Low

**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V043](#)

**Manufacturer :** Chrysler Group LLC

**Make / Model Years :** CHRYSLER / 2013  
DODGE / 2013

**Subject :** Fuel Leakage or Engine Stall

**NHTSA Campaign ID Number :** [13V042](#)

**Manufacturer :** Fontaine Modification

**Make / Model Years :** FONTAINE / 2011-2013

**Subject :** Steering Cross Shaft Assembly may Detach

7. Your comments, both pro and con, are welcome and requested. Do you see this monthly publication as a positive addition to the Safety Program? Have we included too much information? Is the information current and relevant to you? Please contact the USAG Installation Safety Office: Fort Stewart Office @ 912-767-7880; Hunter Army Airfield Office @ 912-345-4905 if you have any questions/comments. Feel free to share this Safety Update as you feel appropriate – Colleagues, Friends and/or Family Members.

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